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3. I have personal knowledge of circumstances surrounding the invention of the subject matter disclosed in the subject patent application.
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